THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Project office in Rajahmundry received a request from M/s. Vamsi Hi-Tech. Super Speciality Hospital and Research Institute Pvt. Ltd., Tanuku that they are running free Ambulance Services from Gundugolanu to Sidhantam and Gundugolanu-Nallajarla and provided cell phones to the highway patrolling police team for coordination to save the highway accident victims. The hospital requested that they may be permitted to install information display boards along NH-5 at every 3 km. with name and details of the services of the hospital.

(c) and (d) The proposal could not be considered since the Government's policy and the guidelines of the Indian Roads Congress on the subject do not permit road side display boards which contain the name of a particular hospital as this will tantamount to advertisement. However, complying with the code of practice for road signs of Indian Roads Congress, NHAI has been directed to display informatory road signs of hospital on National Highway near the hospital.

Labour laws on LPG distributors

†443. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour laws like State Insurance Corporation and Provident Fund laws have been enforced on LPG distributors; and

(b) the grounds on which these Labour laws have been enforced?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The appropriate Government under Section 1 (5) the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 has been empowered to extend the provisions of the Act to non-factory establishments or class of establishments in consultation with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation and with the approval of the Central Government. Under this provision, the State Governments, who are the appropriate Government, have issued notifications to extend the provisions of the Employees' State Insurance Act in areas where the Employees' State Insurance scheme is already implemented to "Shops" employing 20 or more persons for wages.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is applicable to all establishments, employing 20 or more persons and engaged in any of the industries specified in Schedule-I to the Act or class of establishments notified by the Government.

Express lane on NH-9

*444. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY. Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation has been received to take up expeditious completion of the four lane express way on NH-9 from Hyderabad to Vijayawada which is vital from business and commercial point of view; and

(b)if so, the action proposed to complete the project early to avoid 30 to 40 accidents taking place daily due to heavy traffic?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present status of four laning of NH-9 between Hyderabad and Vijayawada is as under:

Stretch	Status
Km. 0/0-22/0 Km.	4-laned
22/0-41/0 Km.	Work of 4-laning in progress
217/0-265/0	4-laned

Four laning of remaining stretch from km. 41/0 to 217/0 could be taken up in phased manner, depending upon availability of resources and *inter-sepriority* of other projects and viability of four-laning on Build Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis.

Civil Services Reforms

*445. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee on Civil Services Reforms headed by Shri P.C. Hota has submitted its report to the Union Cabinet Secretary on the 30th July, 2004;